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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Support

SUBJECT : Continuance of 24-Hour Courier
Service for Cable Secretariat

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1. In the interest of supplying the best possible service for dissemination of Clandestine Services cabled information reports, continued 24-hour courier service should be provided to the Cable Secretariat. The major effect of such courier service is that these reports can be disseminated to the IAC analysts faster than by any other means presently available. At the same time considerable savings in man-hours are effected both within the Agency and in the IAC receiving offices.

2. On 14 July, during the Middle East crisis, the Agency Mail and Courier Service undertook to provide 24-hour service to the Cable Secretariat on a temporary basis. At that time, due to an overwhelming work load on the Signal Center, electrical delivery of our [REDACTED] reports was taking up to eight hours. The courier delivery cut the time down to about two-and-one-half hours maximum, at the same time freeing Signal Center personnel to handle overseas cable traffic. During August, Cable Secretariat was able to divert 98% of the [REDACTED] reports into the courier delivery channel.

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3. In addition to saving transmission time, courier delivery cuts distribution time in the receiving offices. In the Pentagon, the Army Staff Communications Office which acts as the central [REDACTED] distribution point for Army, Navy, Air, JCS and the Secretary of Defense is able to save both decrypting and typing time. In the Department of State, courier service eliminates all handling procedures except routing and distribution.

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4. The combination of speed and economy in delivering CIA-collected intelligence information by courier justifies the continued use of this method. It is strongly recommended, therefore, that the temporary 24-hour courier service now provided for the Cable Secretariat be made permanent.

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